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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on February 12, 2003, please amend the application as follows. Submitted with this Amendment and Response is a Merriam-Webster Dictionary definition of the term "diagnosis" to facilitate prosecution. Also enclosed is a Notice of Appeal, the claims having been rejected multiple times on the same basis, and both a Notice of Appeal and an Appeal Brief having previously been filed. It is believed that no fee is required with this submission *since the fee for filing of a Notice of Appeal was previously paid (February 27, 2002)*. However, should a fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1868.